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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR TOM MCDONALD FOR REASONS 1.5  
(B) AND (D).

11. (C) MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY  
AFFAIRS EMMERSON MNANGAGWA TOLD ME APRIL 14 THAT HE HAS  
KNOWN SOUTH AFRICAN/CONGOLESE BUSINESSMAN KALAA MPINGA  
FOR FOUR YEARS. MPINGA, WHOSE AGE HE GUESSED TO BE 38-  
40, IS THE NEPHEW OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO'S  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM, PIERRE-VICTOR MPOYO,  
AND IS ORIGINALLY FROM KASAI ORIENTALE PROVINCE.  
ACCORDING TO MNANGAGWA, MPINGA IS A "POLITICAL INFANT,"  
WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE HEAD OF 600 CONGOLESE INTELLECTUALS  
AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE DIASPORA (IN EUROPE AND CANADA)  
WHO CONSTITUTE HIS "BODY POLITIC." MPINGA, WHO LAST  
CALLED ON MNANGAGWA "ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO," CLAIMS  
THAT HE IS IN CONTACT WITH JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA, WHOM HE  
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DESCRIBES AS "UNRELIABLE, UNPREDICTABLE, AND A MAN  
OF CHAOS."

12. (C) MPINGA ASKED MNANGAGWA WHAT INTERESTS ZIMBABWE  
HAD IN THE CONGO, TO WHICH, AFTER A LENGTHY PREFACE ON  
THE REASON FOR ZIMBABWE'S INTERVENTION IN THE DROC, THE  
MINISTER REPLIED THE COSLEG COMPANY, WHICH HE  
CHARACTERIZED AS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE "ECONOMIC  
ARMS" OF THE ZIMBABWEAN AND CONGOLESE ARMIES. THE  
ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER CAUTIONED HIM THAT THOSE ECONOMIC  
INTERESTS DID NOT AFFECT "OUR STAYING OR LEAVING; WE ARE  
ANXIOUS TO LEAVE." MPINGA THEN REPORTEDLY TOLD  
MNANGAGWA THAT HIS GROUP HAD ANALYZED THE CURRENT  
SITUATION AND CONCLUDED THAT ZIMBABWE'S INTERESTS IN THE  
CONGO SHOULD BE HONORED.

13. (C) MNANGAGWA EXPRESSED CURIOSITY THAT MPINGA, WHOM  
HE DESCRIBED AS AN "EMPLOYEE" IN CONTRAST TO MY  
REFERRING TO HIM AS A "BUSINESSMAN" BECAUSE BUSINESSMEN

PAY SALARIES, SEEMED TO HAVE FEW PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND WAS ABLE TO MOVE AROUND SO FREELY. ACCORDING TO THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER, MPINGA REVEALED THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN, HIS EMPLOYER, PUT A PLANE AT HIS DISPOSAL AND GAVE HIM AN UNLIMITED EXPENSE ACCOUNT. MPINGA REPORTED THAT HE HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH THE REBELS AND THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO MNANGAGWA, MPINGA'S PLAN IS TO CREATE A NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP THAT WOULD EXCLUDE BOTH KABILA AND BEMBA, OF WHICH HE, MPINGA, WOULD BE PART. THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER TOLD ME HE WARNED MPINGA NOT ENTERTAIN THE VIEW OF SEEING THE ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT GOING AGAINST KABILA. RATHER, HE

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COUNSELED MPINGA TO SEEK UNITY, BECAUSE BY EXCLUDING KEY FIGURES HE WON'T GET FAR. HE ADVISED MPINGA TO FORM A PARTY AND CONTEST ELECTIONS, AND NOTED THAT ZIMBABWE WOULD ACCEPT THEIR RESULTS, EVEN IF KABILA WERE REMOVED BY THEM. ON THAT POINT, MNANGAGWA THOUGHT THAT IF AN ELECTION WERE HELD IN THE CONGO TODAY, KABILA WOULD WIN, TAKING FIVE KEY PROVINCES, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD FACE SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION. NEVERTHELESS, "WE ADVISE [KABILA] HOW TO STAY IN OFFICE," THE JUSTICE MINISTER JOKED.

14. (C) MNANGAGWA THEN TOLD ME THAT HE HAD NOT REVEALED TO KABILA THAT MPINGA IS AGAINST HIM, BUT RATHER INFORMED THE CONGOLESE PRESIDENT THAT THE YOUNGER MAN WAS LIKE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, FULL OF "WILD DREAMS," AND READY TO RIOT AGAINST ANYTHING. TO THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER'S KNOWLEDGE, MPINGA HAS MET KABILA 2-3 TIMES AND ONLY HIMSELF IN THE ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT. MPINGA PLANNED TO RETURN TO ZIMBABWE IN EARLY MAY TO RESUME HIS QUEST TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR HIS PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS, ACCORDING TO MNANGAGWA. THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF ANGLO AMERICAN'S CLAIM, AS VOICED BY MPINGA, THAT IT SUPPORTS A MIDDLE FORCE TO BRING

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KABILA AND THE REBELS TOGETHER. "ANGLO AMERICAN IS MORE EXPERIENCED THAN THAT," A MILDLY ANNOYED MNANGAGWA CONCLUDED.

15. (C) COMMENT: IN OUR JUDGMENT MNANGAGWA KEEPS HIS DOOR OPEN TO MPINGA BECAUSE HE DOES NOT VIEW HIM AS A THREAT TO THE INTERESTS OF ZIMBABWE OR HIS OWN. BY CONTINUING TO RECEIVE HIM, HE KEEPS MPINGA VISIBLE AND MORE EASY TO MONITOR. IF MPINGA SOME DAY AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING IN THE CONGO (NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY GIVEN HIS LINEAGE), MNANGAGWA WILL HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK TO HIM, MUCH AS HE DOES TO KABILA TODAY. IF HE DOES NOT, NO GREAT LOSS. IN SUM, MNANGAGWA IS DOING THE POLITICALLY PRUDENT THING WITH MPINGA, BUT, TO THE EXTENT WE CAN DETERMINE, NOT PLAYING BALL.

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